

agency receives no taxpayer funding, it employs 260 individuals as it fulfills its important mission.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the New York University School of Law, Mr. Bing served as a clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Bruce Van Sickle, and authored an award-winning legal article on protecting mentally retarded defendants from the death penalty. Prior to his election to office, he was an accomplished attorney in private practice in Manhattan. After the terrorist attacks of 9/11, he was named New York Coordinator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency/American Bar Association's Disaster Legal Services program, where he oversaw more than 250 attorneys providing free, comprehensive legal assistance to those affected by the attacks. Mr. Bing is a proud resident of Manhattan's Turtle Bay neighborhood where he lives with his wife, Meredith Ballew, an executive at the Vanderbilt YMCA in Turtle Bay, and their daughter, Charlotte.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me recognizing the enormous contributions to our civic and political life made by Jonathan Bing, an extraordinarily distinguished and effective public servant.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing floor votes on Friday, October 14, 2011. Had I registered my vote, I would have voted:

(1) Yea on rollcall 794, On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2273—Waxman of California Amendment

(2) Yea on rollcall 795, On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2273—Markey of Massachusetts Amendment

(3) Yea on rollcall 796, On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2273—Markey of Massachusetts Amendment

(4) Yea on rollcall 797, On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2273—Rush of Illinois Amendment

(5) Yea on rollcall 798, On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2273—Jackson Lee of Texas Amendment

(6) Yea on rollcall 799, On Motion to Re-commit with Instructions, To amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to facilitate recovery and beneficial use, and provide for the proper management and disposal, of materials generated by the combustion of coal and other fossil fuels

(7) Nay on rollcall 800, On Passage, To amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to facilitate recovery and beneficial use, and provide for the proper management and disposal, of materials generated by the combustion of coal and other fossil fuels

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EMPIRE COLLEGE

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of Empire College in Santa Rosa, California. Founded in 1961 to serve the secretarial and bookkeeping needs of the local business community, Empire College has grown into an important contributor to professional education in the North Bay, and an asset in Sonoma County's development into a prosperous and economically diverse region.

Empire College was founded first as a business school, training staff to meet ongoing shortages in skilled office professionals. Founder Henry Trione, the Santa Rosa businessman and philanthropist, envisioned a college providing practical learning for the greater benefit of the local community. Since then, Empire College has expanded into new areas as the needs of our region have diversified. It now has programs in accounting, information technology, tourism and hospitality, and office administration. It also offers the North Bay's first and only law program leading to a Juris Doctor, which is responsible for almost a quarter of the members of the Sonoma County Bar Association, as well as several judges in Sonoma and other northern California counties.

In both its Business and Law Schools, Empire College has made its reputation as a private institution uniquely committed to the public good. Empire College students support our community in public law clinics for elders, immigrants, and individual with disabilities. They put on events and fundraisers for local nonprofits, including the California Parenting Institute, Legal Aid of Sonoma County, and the Children's Village of Sonoma County. In countless ways, we have benefitted from the presence of Empire College not only as a center of learning and professional development, but as a model of engagement and community service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Empire College. Henry Trione is to be commended for the impressive legacy he has bestowed upon our County, and which the College's long-time executives, Sherie and Roy Hurd, have nurtured over the years. We are privileged to be served by an institution that remains so dedicated to serving Sonoma County and its people.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JOE CONNOLLY OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Joe Connolly for his distinguished service to the Land-of-Sky Regional Council Area Agency on Aging and Western North Carolina.

Since 2008, Mr. Connolly had been a true fighter, undergoing three instances of brain tu-

mors in a span of three brief years. A husband, father of two, and grandfather of two, he passed away peacefully on May 31, 2011. He had served the aging community of Western North Carolina for the past nineteen years, as director of the Land-of-Sky Regional Council Area Agency on Aging since 2006 and prior to that as director of the WNC AIDS Project and the WNC Alzheimer's Association, and as a member on the boards of numerous community agencies. His service truly encompassed the spirit of giving, impacted many lives, and will not soon be forgotten.

Mr. Connolly was an inspiration to those around him, a man more concerned with providing care than receiving it. I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring Mr. Joe Connolly for the remarkable commitment he made to the people of Western North Carolina.

HONORING COLONEL LEON M. TANNENBAUM, USAF (RET.) FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have this opportunity to rise on the floor of the United States House of Representatives to pay tribute to an outstanding veteran and Connecticut native, Colonel Leon M. Tannenbaum, USAF (Ret.), for his exemplary service as a fighter pilot in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. Today, as he celebrates his 93rd birthday, I am proud to highlight one mission in particular which showcases the staggering courage and bravery Colonel Tannenbaum and his colleagues demonstrated during this tumultuous time in our nation's history.

Based at New Castle Army Air Base in Wilmington, Delaware, then 1st Lieutenant Leon Tannenbaum was a member of the 2nd Ferrying Group, Ferrying Division, Air Transport Command. A large part of their mission was the delivery of airplanes to the European Theatre. One of the most stirring performances of the 2nd Ferrying Group fliers occurred during the later part of July and first week of August, 1943. It was the unprecedented spanning of the treacherous North Atlantic route in the P-47, single-engine aircraft. While commonplace today, any trans-Atlantic flight in the World War II era was a heroic feat. In fact, as a comparison, today's routes between the United States and Europe can be made in mere hours, whereas this mission took twenty-one days to complete.

On July 23rd, 1943, ten P-47s left the Republic Factory in Farmingdale, New York and nine successfully reached their destination, Prestwick, Scotland. In addition to Colonel Tannenbaum, the pilots who undertook this mission included, Captain Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona; 1st Lieutenants Morgan C. Walker of Maryland, Gerald R. Keyser of Ohio, Charles E. Rigney of New Hampshire, Rowland B. Armacost, Bernard J. Jendrezewski, Junior F. Klein, Rozier C. Murphey; and 2nd Lieutenant Louis Brawer. Though 1st Lieutenant Armacost's plane crash landed in Greenland, the other nine miraculously overcame intense weather and maintenance factors to complete the mission.